

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 2, 2023, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall in the City of Buffalo, on the 2nd day of February 2023 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**Recognizing and Honoring Alden State Bank
for receiving the Innovator Award**

WHEREAS, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals in Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and

WHEREAS, **Alden State Bank** has been serving the community since 1916 and continues to find new innovative ways to give back to local residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, **Alden State Bank** received the Innovator Award for Best Initiative to Promote Financial Inclusion at the third annual Future Branches Conference, for its work in creating programs that serve unbanked and underbanked individuals and those facing financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, **Alden State Bank** was recognized for its partnership with local nonprofit, Food Based Interventions with Technology Energy and Science, known as F BITES, whose mission is to empower youth and adults to be contributing members of society inspiring them to plan a successful future through skill development, execution and training; and

WHEREAS, **Alden State Bank** funded initial startup costs and partnered with a national firm to open an F BITES coffee shop within its branch; and

WHEREAS, **Alden State Bank** and F BITES Café continue to focus on workforce development and providing at-risk individuals with the building blocks for long-term financial success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize **Alden State Bank** for its ongoing commitment to serving the community.

FRANK J. TODARO
Erie County Legislator, District 8